

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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New Part 4 of the Commission's Rules)	ET Docket No. 04-35
Concerning Disruptions to Communications)	

TO: The Commission

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED COMMENTS

The UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), hereby respectfully submits this Motion to Accept Late-Filed Comments on the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the proceeding captioned above.

In this proceeding, the Commission proposes to extend its network outage reporting rules to wireless, satellite, and cable-based telecommunications service providers. The proposed rules impact the mission objectives and policy responsibilities of several DHS components potentially significantly, and development of the Department's comments required commensurate care and coordination.

DHS submits that the acceptance of its Comments will contribute meaningfully to the development of a complete record to guide the Commission's decision making in this proceeding. *See, e.g., Amendment of Parts 13 and 80 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications*, FCC 04-3, released February 12, 2004 (*Second Report and Order*, *Sixth Report and Order*, and *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in WT Docket No. 00-48, PR Docket No. 92-257, and RM-9499), 31 Comm. Reg. (P & F) 1034 at n.29; *Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Service*, FCC 03-238, released

October 16, 2003 (*Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in WT
Docket No. 01-289), 30 Comm. Reg. (P & F) 886 at n.9.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, DHS respectfully requests that the Commission
grant this Motion and accept the attached Comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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